

# Wilson's Creek National Battlefield



## Volunteer Wire



**January 04, 2014**

### Mark Your Calendar

#### **“Volunteer Banquet”**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Place:</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>February 15, 2014</b>	<b>6:00pm-800pm</b>	<b>Multi-purpose room</b>	<b>N/C</b>

If we have inclement weather I will send out an e-mail and we will then use the reschedule date (TBD - probably the following Saturday). The date for this year's awards dinner is set to take place Saturday evening February 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll begin eating at 6:00 pm with awards to follow and finishing up by 8:00 pm. So, mark your calendars and as always come with a big appetite, expect a good time and of course – good food!

In 2013 we saw a decrease in the number of volunteers from the previous year but an increase in the number of volunteer hours. A total of 276 volunteers provided 9,394 hours of service for a combined value of \$ 207,972.

#### **“Volunteer Recruitment Fair”**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place:</b>
<b>March 8, 2014</b>	<b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>VC Lawn or Multi-Purpose Room</b>

Saturday March 8, 2014 the park is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Volunteer Recruitment Fair* at the battlefield's visitor center. The day will begin at 9:00 am in the multi-purpose room with a general overview of the NPS Volunteer in Parks program. Following the presentation prospective volunteers will have the opportunity to stop by several exhibition tables staffed by current volunteers to learn more about the various volunteer roles first-hand. In addition to sharing personal in-sight, volunteers will also be able to answer questions and provide additional information about the overall program. Prospective volunteers will have the opportunity to fill out an application for consideration. *If you are one of our current volunteers and would like to help with the fair please contact me at (417) 732-2662 ext. 389 or Dave Hutson @ ext. 385.*

#### **“Volunteer in Parks Training”**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place:</b>
<b>March 10-15, 2014</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Multi-Purpose Room</b>

*Once the final training schedule is done has been finalized I will send a follow-up email to let everyone know the scheduled times, etc.*

## New Changes in 2014

As of January 1, 2014 the volunteer program experienced a change in coordinators. Dave Hutson has stepped aside in order to assume new duties associated with his recent promotion to Interpretive Specialist. With the upcoming completion of the new museum exhibits and yellow fever season just around the corner, Dave will be working hard in order to accomplish his tasks! Join me in congratulating Dave!

I will have to work hard in order to fill Dave's shoes but he will be here to help mentor me into shape! I would like to start my new position by saying, thank you to all of our volunteers for all of your time and hard work. As you have probably been told many times by Dave and coordinators before him, we would not be able to provide the quality of service to our visitors without our volunteers. I am sure this year will be filled with a lot of new stepping stones for me and I hope to build a good program with them! My door is always open for comments and suggestions, so if you have an idea just bring it on in. Oh and I will listen to complaints too! – *Billie Aschwege*

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	15	Sat	6p – 8p	VIP Awards Dinner
<b>MARCH</b>	8	Sat	10a-3p	Volunteer Recruitment Fair
	10 - 14	<b>Mon-Fri</b>		VIP Training-Interp
	10	Sat	9a	Small Arms Safety Training
<b>APRIL</b>	5	Sat	8:30-3p	Park Day - Volunteer Work Day
	<b>6</b>	<b>Sun</b>		<b>Spring Hours, 8-7</b>
	21-25	Mon-Fri		National Park Week - <i>Fee Free</i>
	26	Sat	10a-4p	National Jr. Ranger Day - <i>Fee Free</i>
<b>MAY</b>	4	Sat	7p	Arts in Parks
	11	Sat	7p	Arts in Parks
	18	Sat	7p	Arts in Parks
	25	Sat	7p	Arts in Parks
	<b>25</b>	<b>Sat</b>		<b>Change to Summer Hours: 8-9</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	7	Sat	9a– 4p	Artillery Training (VIP safety)
		Sat	11a -4p	Arts in Parks - RH Jamboree
	14	Sat	11a-4p	Artillery
	21-22	<b>Sat-Sun</b>	TBA	US Soldier LH Weekend
	28	Sat	11a-4p	Artillery
<b>JULY</b>	5	Sat	11a-4p	Artillery
	19	Sat	11a-4p	Artillery
<b>AUGUST</b>	10-Jan	<b>Sat-Sun</b>	TBA	The Southern Soldier at WICR
	10	Sunday	10 a.m.	152nd Battle Anniversary - <i>Fee Free</i>
	25	Mon		NPS Founders Day - <i>Fee Free</i>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	27	Sat	8:30-3p	National Public Lands Day - <i>Fee Free</i>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Change to Winter Hours, 8-5</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	8	Sat	5:30-9:30	Luminary Event